the Global Gender Gap", placing India at the 53rd position in the 58 countries surveyed on social, economic and political gender parity;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of fresh steps initiated to improve upon the role of women and for their empowerment in different fields of activities, especially on the five critical parameters set out in the Report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Report of World Economic Forum, and independent international organization, has come to the notice of the Government but the Government has not reviwed the Report.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Autonomy to navratna PSUs

*117. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to grant financial autonomy to profit making public sector navaratna companies to invest upto Rs. 1000 crore in joint ventures and subsidiaries without Government approval; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In order to provide more managerial and commercial autonomy to profit making Central Public Sector Enterprises, Government has approved the proposal to enhance the ceiling on investment to establish Joint Ventures and Subsidiaries by Navratna CPSEs to 15% of the net worth in one project limited to Rs. 1000 crore with an overall ceiling of 30% of the net worth for all projects put together.